

# FACT SHEET

## Pseudorabies



## SYMPTOMS

### What are the signs of pseudorabies in swine?

- Respiratory distress
- Nervous system signs (trembling, incoordination, paralysis)
- Sudden death of young piglets
- Signs can vary by the age of the animal infected:
  - Young animals may die suddenly or have neurological signs such as coordination, trembling, convulsions
  - Older animals may suffer from coughing, sneezing and nasal discharge
  - Infection of female animals can cause reproductive problems or abortion

### How do I avoid pseudorabies or stop it from spreading?

- Vaccination has been used to help control the disease in swine. Vaccines can be effective if used prior to exposure. Vaccines are currently used for breeding swine
- Be sure animals have no contact with wildlife, rodents or animals
- Know the clinical signs of the disease and check animals regularly for symptoms
- Isolate new or returning animals for at least two weeks before reintroduction into the herd
- Isolate any sick animals
- Notify veterinarian immediately of any suspected disease
- Know and follow your state regulations and eradication plan
- Restrict movement of people and vehicles onto or off of your farm
- Disinfect tires, equipment and clothing going on and off the farm
- Quarantine areas with sick swine immediately
- Animals infected with pseudorabies need to be humanely destroyed and buried to prevent the disease from spreading

### How is pseudorabies treated?

- At this time there is no known treatment for pseudorabies in animals

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#### For More Information, contact:

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